**Japanese Internment**

Cast:

* Kamakasi: Daughter
* Toyatomi: Dad
* Ming: Mom

Narrator: It is a normal day in February of 1942, where a Japanese family lives, one of many, in San Francisco. They are living in fear for they do not know when they will be taken away. Here lies the story of the Okinori family…

Toyatomi: “Ming, can you make me a cup of tea before work?”

Ming: “Ok let me first finish the laundry.”

Kamakasi: “Mom, where is my Steamboat Willy backpack?”

Ming: “Under the bed.”

Narrator: At this time, some American soldiers knock on the door.

Kamakasi: “Amma, someone is at the door!”

Toyatomi: “I’ll get it”

Narrator: He opens the door and finds that his family will be moved into an internment camp.

Toyatomi: “Ming, Kamakasi we are being relocated to an internment camp, our waiting is finally over.”

Ming: “No I don’t want to leave my life here. I was just getting used to America.”

Kamakasi: “Appa, I don’t want to leave my toys.”

Narrator: Here at the internment camp, they are being checked in.

Ming: “Uggg, we will never go back home.”

Toyatomi: “Don’t worry Ming, our time will come.”

Narrator: After two long years, the Okinori Family was finally sent home and the war in the Pacific was soon over. In 1948, they receive a small payment from the government for keeping them in the internment camps. They slowly begin to rebuild their lives as free Japanese Americans.